

In the Claims:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from :

- 4-(S)-Dimethylamino-2-(R)-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid [1-(R)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methylamide hydrochloride;
- 4-(S)-Dimethylamino-2-(R)-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid (3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methylamide hydrochloride;
- 4-(S)-(2-Fluoroethyl)-amino-2-(R)-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid [1-(R)-(3,5-bis)-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methylamide hydrochloride; and
- 4-(S)-(2-Fluoro-ethylamino)-2-(R)-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid (3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methylamide hydrochloride.

12-14. (Canceled).

15. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 11 in a mixture with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or excipients.

16-24. (Canceled).

25. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from:

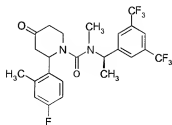
- 4-(2,2-Dimethyl-propylamino)-2-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid, [1-(R)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methylamide;
- 4-Ethylamino-2-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid [1-(R)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methylamide;
- 4-Dimethylamino-2-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid [1-(R)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methylamide;
- 4-Dimethylamino-2-(R)-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid (3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methylamide;
- 4-(2-Fluoroethyl)-amino-2-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid [1-(R)-(3,5-bis)-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methylamide;
- 4-(2-Fluoro-ethylamino)-2-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid (3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methylamide;
- 4-(N-2-Fluoroethyl-N-methylamino)-2-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid, (3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methylamide;

2-(4-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-4-(2-methoxyethylamino)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid [1-(R)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methylamide;
2-(4-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-4-methylamino-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid [1-(R)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methylamide;
2-(4-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-4-methylamino-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid (3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methylamide;
4-Amino-2-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid (3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methylamide;
4-Cyclobutylamino-2-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid [1-(R)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methylamide;
4-Cyclopropylamino-2-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid [1-(R)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methylamide;
4-Benzylamino-2-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid (3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methylamide;
4-(N-2-Fluoroethyl-N-methylamino)-2-(R)-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid (3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-methylamide;
4-Cyclopropylamino-1-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-2-carboxylic acid (3,5-dichloro-benzyl)-methylamide;
4-Cyclopropylamino-1-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-2-carboxylic acid [1-(R)-3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methylamide; and 4-(R,S)-(2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl)-amino-2-(R)-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid [1-(R)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methylamide hydrochloride; and
diastereoisomers and acceptable pharmaceutical salts thereof.

26. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 25 in a mixture with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or excipients.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a compound as claimed in claim 25 by reductive N-alkylation of the compound of formula (II)

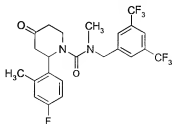


(II)

with an amine selected from 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamine, 2,2-dimethyl-propylamine, ethylamine, dimethylamine, 2-fluoroethylamine, 2-methoxyethylamine, methylamine, cyclopropylamine or cyclobutylamine or salts thereof

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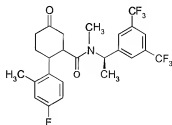
of the compound of formula (III)



(III)

with an amine selected from dimethylamine, 2-fluoroethylamine, methylamine, benzylamine and salts thereof,

or of the compound of formula (IV)

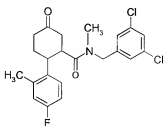


(IV)

with cyclopropylamine or a salt thereof,

or

of the compound of formula (V)

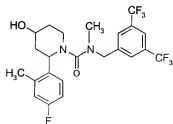


(V)

with cyclopropylamine or a salt thereof

or

by reaction of a compound of formula (VI)

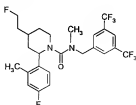


(VI)

with methanesulphonyl chloride in the presence of triethylamine followed by treatment with sodium azide and then with triphenylphosphine

or

by reacting a compound of formula (VII)



(VII)

with formaldehyde in the presence of 10% palladium over charcoal and acetic acid;
followed where necessary or desired by one or more of the following steps:

i) removal of any protecting group;

ii) isolation of the compound as a salt or a solvate thereof;

separation of a compound of formula (I) or salt or a solvate thereof into diastereoisomers thereof.